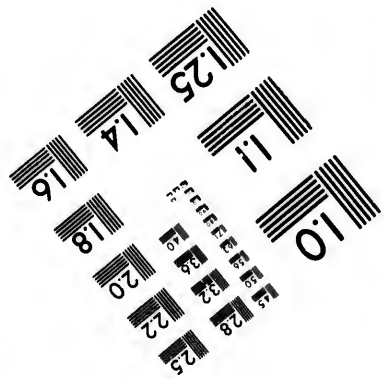
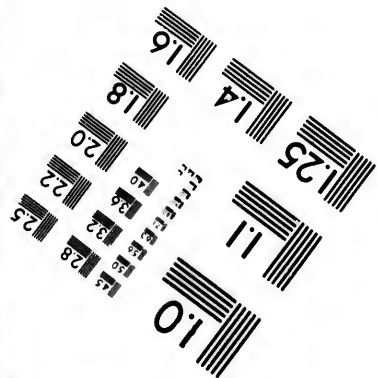
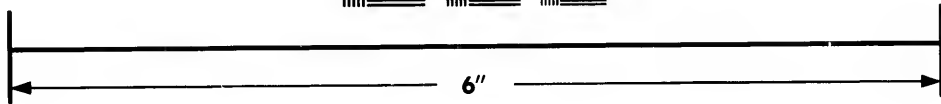
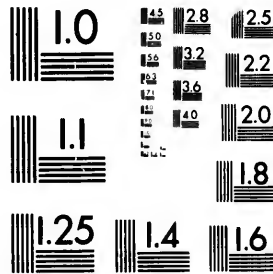


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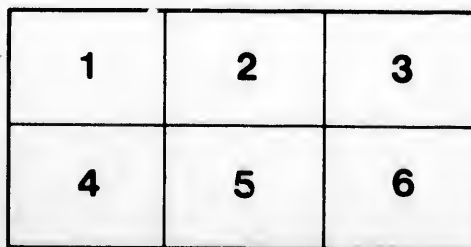
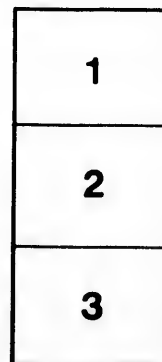
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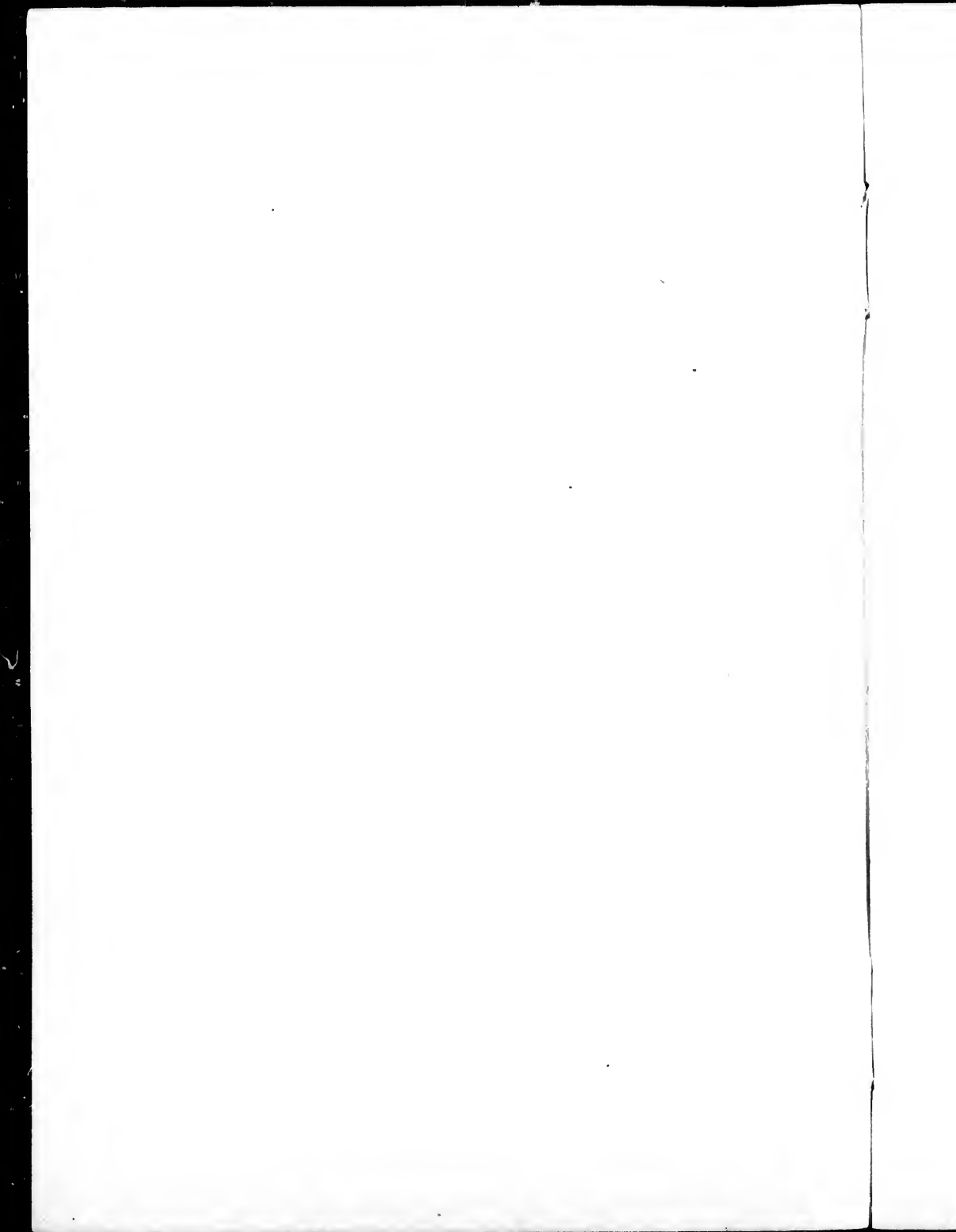
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# ROYAL NAVAL CLUB

## ESQUIMALT

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The Royal Naval Club, Esquimalt, was built in August, 1867, by Mr. Williams, a resident of Esquimalt, and was by him leased to the officers of the fleet as a club-house.

The building consisted of a billiard room, reading room, kitchen, lavatory, with offices attached, outside the building, and six small rooms upstairs, and so remained till the end of 1899, when certain structural improvements took place.

By the terms of the lease between Mr. Williams and the officers of the Fleet, the former acted as steward of the Club at a salary of £50 a year. All wines, spirits, etc., were provided by him, and he received the profits arising therefrom. On his part, having built the club-house and furnished it, he undertook to keep it in proper repair and provide the Club servants.

When the Club was first started, Captain Oldfield, H.M.S. "Malacca," was elected temporary president; but he was relieved very shortly after by Captain Dawkins, H.M.S. "Zealous," who became president, and Rear-Admiral the Hon. G. F. Hastings the patron of the Club.

All commissioned officers of the Royal Navy were eligible for election as members, civilians and officers of the Royal Navy not holding commissions being eligible as honorary members. The subscription for members was \$2 per month, while that for honorary members was \$1 per month. Members were elected by ballot after being duly proposed and seconded, one black ball in five excluding any candidate for admission. Ships providing three or more members had the privilege of selecting one of their number to serve on the committee.

In November, 1868, it being found that Mr. Williams was working the Club at a loss, his salary was increased to £150 yearly.

In 1873 the ballot, as regards naval officers, was done away with, and any naval officer wishing to become a member notified the honorary secretary, but civilians wishing to become honorary members continued to be elected by ballot.

In December, 1876, only one ship, H.M.S. "Rocket," being present in the harbor, and only a few officers of that ship belonging to the Club, it was resolved to close the Club until more ships arrived.

In June, 1877, the Club was reopened, but another arrangement was entered into with Mr. Williams, by which he received \$1.50 per month from each member, and 75 cents per month from each honorary member. He supplied wines, spirits, lights, attendance, etc., and received all

profits arising therefrom. He also undertook to keep the club-house, furniture, etc., in proper repair, and was responsible for all liabilities. A managing committee was appointed under the presidency of Captain Robinson, H.M.S. "Opal," which revised the price list, etc., and looked after the interests of the members.

The above arrangement only existed till December, 1877, when a contract was entered into with Mr. Williams whereby he leased the building, furniture, etc., to the members for \$25 a month, the members managing the Club themselves. This first lease was for four months, but at its expiration it was renewed from month to month until April, 1880, when it was taken on lease for one year at a monthly rental of \$30, with the proviso that all outside repairs were made good by Mr. Williams, whilst the members of the Club were responsible for the inside repairs. At this time Captain Markham, H.M.S. "Triumph," was president of the committee.

Since December, 1877, the two servants employed in the Club had been supplied by the fleet, but in 1880 one of them was replaced by a Chinese steward at a salary of \$30 a month. This arrangement only remained in force a few months, it proving unsatisfactory, and the steward was discharged, a servant from the fleet taking his place.

In 1883 the rules were revised, those made in 1873 having so far continued in force, Captain Aitchison, H.M.S. "Swiftsure," being president of the committee at the time.

The question of buying the Club, and land on which it is built, had for some years been contemplated, but it was not till July, 1886, that it was finally decided to do so, and the ground, building and contents were bought from Mr. Williams and his partner, Mr. Arthur, by Rear-Admiral Sir M. Culme Seymour, Bart., for the members of the Club, the money being advanced to him by the Bank of British Columbia on a mortgage on the Club and ground. The price paid was \$3000. The committee, Captain H. Rose, H.M.S. "Triumph," being president, then insured the Club, furniture, etc., for \$3000.

By December, 1889, the Club had been re-roofed, new windows had been put in, and the debt reduced to \$2,050.

In August, 1893, the debt still owing was \$1,044, and it was not till September, 1895, that it was finally paid off.

The Naval Club, and the ground on which it stands, is now the property of the members of the Club, and is held in trust for them by the British Columbia Corporation, Limited, of Temple Buildings, Fort Street. They also own a further piece of land at the back of the Club, but the strip of ground on which the verandah, in the front of the building, is built is leased from the Admiralty—five shillings a year being paid for it. The trustees have possession of all deeds and documents relating to the property, size of it, etc.

In 1896 the Club was fitted with the telephone, and in 1898 electric light was introduced throughout, and a new billiard table bought.

In 1900 a new dressing room with offices attached was built. The entrance, which was previously through the billiard room, was closed by a window, and a new entrance made on the side of the Club facing the harbor. The billiard room was closed in by a bulkheading, which formed one side also of the new entrance passage. The bar, which had previously opened into the billiard room, was now constructed so that it opened into the old dressing room, which latter was converted into a smoking room. The total cost of these improvements was \$2,164.

Also, in 1900, the rules were revised, and the committee, Captain T. P. Walker, H. M. S. "Warspite," being chairman, increased the insurance on Club, furniture, etc., to \$4000.



RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
ROYAL NAVAL CLUB, ESQUIMALT

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1. The Club to be called "The Royal Naval Club."

All naval and military officers holding commissions, and the officers and clerks of H. M. Naval and Victualling Yards at Esquimalt, are qualified to become members. Qualification for Members and Honorary Members.

All naval subordinate officers and officers of the regular and Colonial forces are qualified to become honorary members.

2. The subscription shall be \$1.00 Subscriptions. per month or \$10 per annum for members, and 50 cents per month for honorary members.

Any member or honorary member, who is absent on duty from the port for more than 16 days in any month, shall be charged half the above subscription for that month. If away for the whole month, or only present in the



port for three days in any month, no subscription shall be charged.

Guests.

3. Members may introduce guests as honorary members, subject to such restrictions as the Committee may from time to time establish.

Officers of foreign nations and visitors may be invited by the Committee to be honorary members of the Club without payment of subscription.

Committee.

4. All the concerns of the Club shall be managed by a Committee and a Chairman.

The Committee shall consist of one member from each ship on the station and one additional member from each gunroom.

The Honorary Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Committee, shall be an additional member of the Committee.

The flag captain, or in his absence from the port, the senior captain present, shall be invited to be chairman of the Committee.

Audit of Accounts.

5. The chairman of the Committee shall, at the end of each quarter, request two or more members of the Club to audit the accounts, and the

report of the auditors shall be posted on the notice board in the Club.

6. A General Meeting of the members may be called at any time by the Committee, or by a special requisition to the hon. secretary of at least one-third of the members present in the port. <sup>General Meetings.</sup>

All notices of General Meetings shall be posted up in the Club for at least four days previous to the day of meeting, specifying the object of the meeting, and the discussion shall be confined to that subject only.

7. Members only are entitled to vote or take part in the proceedings at general meetings, and no vote will be accepted except the member be present at the meeting. <sup>Members only qualified to vote.</sup>

8. The Club shall be opened for the use of members at 8 a. m. <sup>Time when open.</sup>

Any member, or honorary member, remaining in any of the rooms of the Club after midnight, shall pay in cash a fine of ten cents for each half hour or portion of half an hour, to go to the Club servant remaining in attendance.

9. No illegal game shall be permitted in the Club, and no game of pool <sup>Games.</sup>

shall be played for more than 50 cents pool and 10 cents lives.

Dogs.

10. No dogs are permitted inside the Club. A fine of 25 cents will be imposed on any member infringing this rule.

Wines.

11. No wines, spirits, tobacco, or any other article subject to duty, shall be sent out of the Club.

Damage to Club Property.

12. All damage to any of the Club property shall be made good at the cost of the individual causing the damage.

Suggestions or Complaints.

13. No complaints or suggestions relative to the Club can be entertained unless either entered in the Suggestion Book, and signed with the name of a member, or communicated in writing to the hon. secretary.

On no account are the Club servants to be found fault with by individual members.

Internal Regulations.

14. All subjects of internal regulations not provided for by these rules shall be under the control of the Committee.

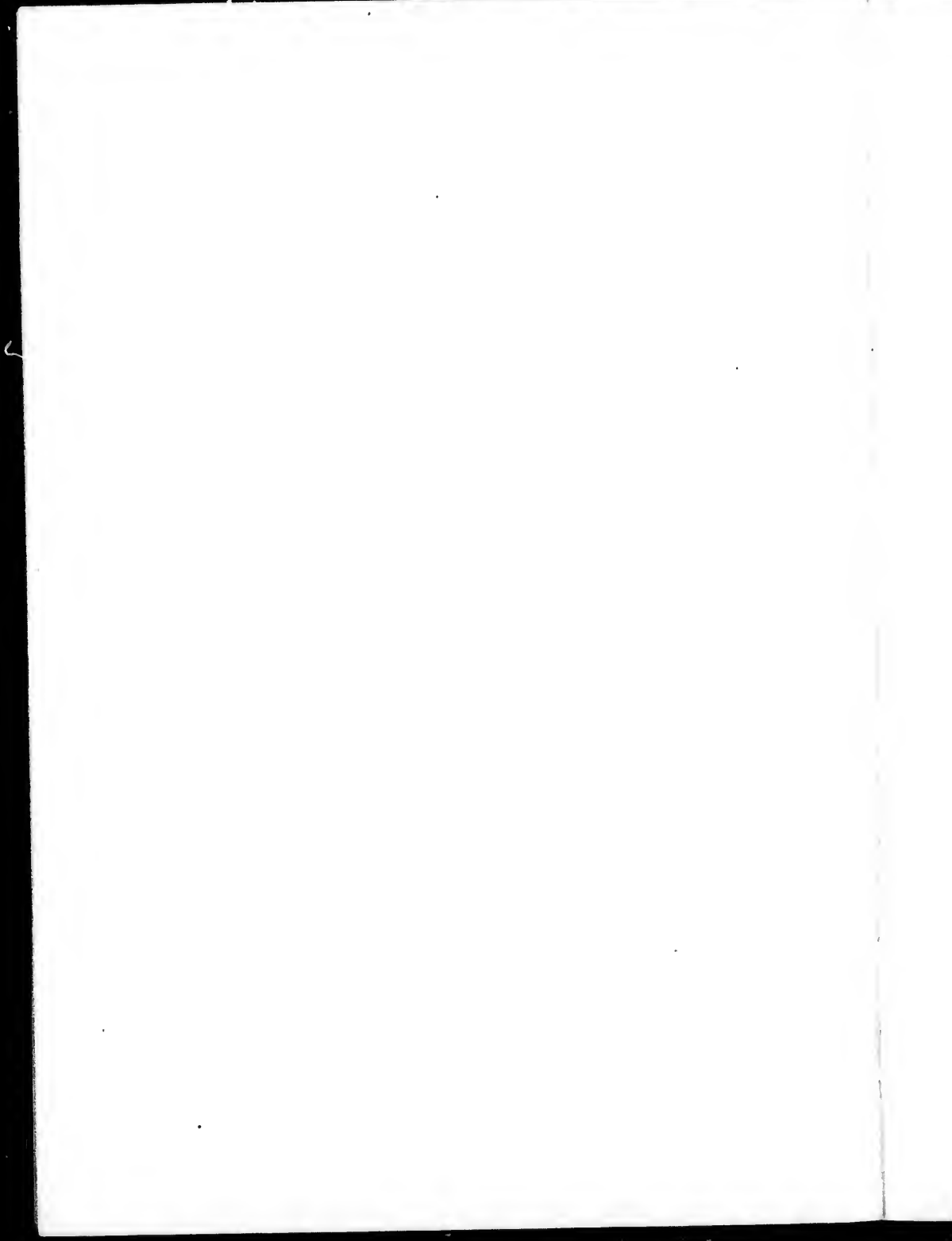
Alteration of Rules.

15. A new rule, or alteration of an existing rule, may be made with the sanction of a majority of at least two-thirds of a general meeting consisting

of at least twenty members, provided that there are at least four ships present in the port, two of which are captain's commands, one being the flagship.

16. As the requirements of the service prevent the Club having the benefit of a permanent resident Committee, or body of members, and it is desirable, as far as possible, to provide for continuity of principle in the management of the Club, no material alteration with regard to the premises shall be made by a general meeting, or in the control and management of the Club by a committee, except such general meeting or committee shall be as representative of the squadron as is provided for in Rule 15.

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## INTERNAL REGULATIONS

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1. In any matches versus the Navy, Cricket Teas. played in the canteen field, the cost of the tea supplied to friends should be equally divided between the members of the Club belonging to ships in harbor during the match, and placed in their Club bills for the month, honorary members paying half shares.
2. The Club servants to be paid at the rate of \$5 (five dollars) a month each. Payment of Club Servants.
3. The Club servants are to have charge of the keys of the lockers in the dressing room. Members must deposit 25 cents with the Club servants when getting the key of a locker, the same to be returned to him when the key is returned. Keys of Lockers.
4. The bicycle shed should be kept as far as practicable for the use of members in port, and members leaving the port can stow their bicycles in the bicycle room in the Club. Stowage of Bicycles.
5. Warrant officers may stow their bicycles in the bicycle shed free of charge, provided there are sufficient Use of Bicycle Shed by Warrant Officers.

stalls for the bicycles of all members of the Club.

Concerning sale  
of special Army  
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Tickets.

6. In response to the expressed wish of the Electric Tram Company to assist in checking the abuse of the special Army and Navy tram tickets, the regulations are appended herewith as to their issue from the Club.

Tickets to be issued to officers of the Navy at any time when applied for personally.

Tickets to be issued to permanent officials of the Naval Yard between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. when applied for personally. Lists of permanent officials of the Naval Yard entitled to tickets are to be kept at the Club. The arrangement of these "lists" to be left entirely to the Flag Captain, or in his absence, to the Senior Naval Officer present.

Tickets to be issued to wives of naval officers between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m., either on personal application or on a written requisition.

Not more than \$2 (two dollars) worth nor less than 50 cents worth of tickets to be issued on any one application.

Any person buying tickets to sign a chit for the amount bought (for refer-

ence), paying for the same with ready money, and the following notice be shown to all purchasers of tickets: "The Army and Navy tram car tickets are intended *only* for officers and men of the Army and Navy and their *wives* (children or domestics are not entitled). Any infringement of this rule will most certainly lead to the withdrawal by the tram company of the privilege of these tickets."

7. A printed notice with regard to the constitution of the Grounds and Games Committee is to be hung in the Club.

8. The Minute Books, and all other books, documents, papers, etc., belonging to the Club, are to be under the charge of the honorary secretary. They are to be kept in the place provided for the purpose, and are not to be destroyed, on any account, without the consent of the Committee. Copies of deeds and agreement with the Admiralty, together with the insurance policy, are to be deposited in the Naval Yard with the Naval store officer.



